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D to India, No. 127 p. 7. dated 18 Oct 1901.	Report on murder of Lt Keyes on 21/6/01.
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MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORM 5.

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF India

No. 127 para. 7

Dated 18 Oct 1901

7. I forward herewith a copy of a report by the officer commanding the Northern Nigeria Regiment of the West African Frontier Force, on the circumstances in which Lieutenant C. V. Keyes, I.S.C., lost his life at Argungu on the 21st June last.

M 10,724.

[*With reference to your Military Telegram dated 29th August* 1901.]

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Minute Paper. **Military Department.**

~~Letter~~ No. Lt. from Colonial Office

Received 12 Septr 1901.

Formally acknowledged —

	Date.	Initials.
Under Secretary	12/9/01	F.W.
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Committee	13 "	G H
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Lieut. C. V. Keyes. D.S.O.

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Murdered in Nigeria

Approved Council, 25 Sep 1901. Mil. Sec. Mr.

Letter to No. M. dated 190 .

Despatch to No. " 190 .

Telegram to No. " 190 .

SEEN COUNCIL
25 SEP 1901 HW

The annexed report of the circumstances of the murder of Lieut. C.V. Keyes. D.S.O. by French traders in Nigeria is circulated for information

Seen WHG
JW
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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,
and the following Number quoted. 30637/1901.

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Downing Street,

11 September, 1901.

Sir,

With reference to the letter from this Office of the 6th of July last, I am to transmit to you, for the information of Lord George Hamilton, a copy of a report by the Officer Commanding the Northern Nigeria Regiment of the West African Frontier Force on the circumstances in which Captain Keyes, Indian Staff Corps, lost his life at Argungu on the 21st of June last.

Report.

2. The information contained in the report has already been communicated to Lady Keyes, the mother of Captain Keyes.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

R. L. Antrobus

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
INDIA OFFICE.

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Copy.

From Colonel J.L.N.Morland,
Commandant, West African Frontier Force.

To His Excellency,
The Acting High Commissioner
Northern Nigeria.

Jebba, 26th July, 1901.

Sir,

I have the honour to report the facts so far as I have been able to ascertain them, concerning the death of Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Keyes of 1st Battalion West African Frontier Force: Major Dickinson whom I sent up at once to thoroughly investigate the case will report fully to me later.

Captain Keyes in accordance with instructions from you to arrest the French traders and send them down to Jebba, sent several messages to them ordering them to come in to Illo: they took no notice of these orders. Having obtained permission from you to proceed to Thawa he decided to arrest the Frenchmen on his way back; but on arriving at Argungu, en route to Thawa, he thought it necessary to disarm the followers of the French men, as they were apparently forming a small force and behaving in a truculent manner.

He proceeded to the Frenchmen's compound on 21st June with 7 soldiers. The Frenchmen when they saw him went inside their hut. M. Baudard who speaks English came out and acted as interpreter. M. Buret

stood

stood in the doorway. Captain Keyes demanded that their arms should be given up; this was refused. Captain Keyes then proceeded to take their arms away from the native followers. Three of these men ran away and were followed by the Corporal and another soldier. At this point Captain Keyes must have heard something which aroused his suspicions as he turned to the hut and asked Buret what he was saying. M. Buret raised a revolver and fired at Captain Keyes hitting him in the groin. Captain Keyes called out to the soldiers "Fall in Don't fire", then staggered and fell. A heavy fire was then opened from the hut; of the five men remaining with him (two were outside after the boys who had run away) two were killed at once and three wounded. The wounded men got outside and the Frenchmen must then have escaped. I have no information at present as to where the rest of Captain Keyes' escort (some 40 men) were: but they may have been at some distance, Argungu is a large town. This escort killed all the followers of the Frenchmen they caught and I cannot blame them; I can only regret they did not kill the Frenchmen as well. They brought Captain Keyes' body to Sonwa which is one march from Argungu towards Illo and buried it there. Lieutenant Johnson left Illo with Sergeant Hayes and 50 men on hearing the news and proceeded with all speed to Argungu which he reached on 1st July; here he remained 4 days sending scouts in all directions.

All information tended to shew that the Frenchmen had crossed into French territory. He decided to return to Illo. At Sonwa he read the service over

Captain

Captain Keyes' grave and erected a wooden cross. He states:- "The grave stands in a walled enclosure and has a thatched roof over it; it would be impossible to find a more suitable spot". The headman of Sonwa promised to look after it well.

At Kengakoi he remained 4 days and communicated with the French Officer Commanding at Gaya, who said that he had no information as to the whereabouts of these traders. I imagine they went in the direction of Doso and there is a rumour that they have been arrested there, which is however improbable.

The Officer Commanding at Gaya informed Lieutenant Johnson that a horseboy belonging to the traders had given an account of the affair, and stated that Captain Keyes had twice fired at the Frenchmen before they shot him. This is ridiculous and absolutely untrue; Captain Keyes was unarmed and only carried a stick; his revolver was found in his box afterwards.

The fact that the Frenchmen's horseboy has gone into French territory tends to confirm the report that the Frenchmen themselves have done so.

The evidence of the wounded and surviving soldiers who accompanied Captain Keyes shows that he was murdered in the most dastardly manner by these so-called French traders, two of whom as you are aware are deserters from the French and desperate characters of the Voulet type. I can only hope that no stone will be left unturned to have them handed over to justice if they have entered French territory. If they recross our boundary again they will be hunted down wherever they go. Captain Keyes was a most able and

zealous

zealous officer and had done exceptionally good work in the neighbourhood of Illo; he was most popular with officers and men: his loss to the force is a great one.

I am publishing a general order to this effect.

I have, &c.

(Sgd) T.L.N.Morland, Colonel

Commandant, West African Frontier Force.

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Military Department.

Letter No.

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Lieut. C. V. Keyes,
Corps of Guides.

Reported Murder in West Africa.

Approved Council, 190 . Mil. Sec. Mr.
Letter to No. M. dated 190 .
Despatch to No. " 190 .
Telegram to Viceroy. No. 517 " 29 Aug 1901.

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Your telegram of today

Sent
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It is proposed to telegraph to India as follows:-

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From Sec. of State to Viceroy.

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

FROM

Viceroy

DATED Simla. 29th Augt. 1901

RECEIVED AT LONDON OFFICE 9.49 a.m.

Has any news been received of report of death of Lieutenant Kawes, [? Keyes], The Corps of Guides, West Africa?

The Colonial Office do not yet know the date of death

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29 AUG. 1901
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Mr Phibbs

45, Pall Mall. S.W.

8 JUL. 01

Dear Mr. Phibbs,

I regret that I cannot tell you as to relatives of Lt. C. V. Keyes. There is a brother somewhere in this country, but we don't know where. The address clerk says that The Bungalow,
Brent,
S. Devon
looks like the home address of Lt. Keyes. There may be some relative there.

Yours sincerely
Chas. Blake

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MILITARY DEPARTMENT FORM 38.

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DRAFT INLAND TELEGRAM.

From Military Secretary, India Office, Sent 8/7/1901.

To Lieut. J. H. Keyes,
~~C/o Watsons~~
7 Waterloo Place.

Tel: Sent by Special Messenger to address

Colonial Office report Lieut. C. V. Keyes murdered Argungu, Nigeria. Details unknown — enquiry being made report will follow~~s~~.

(Form 38.)

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE,
COLONIAL OFFICE,
LONDON, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 23196/1901.

D.O. to Sir P. Newmarch
for commn to Lady Keyes 386/8

P.P. 7152/00

Downing Street,

6 July, 1901.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Chamberlain to state, for the information of Lord George Hamilton, that he has received with great regret a telegram from the Acting High Commissioner of Northern Nigeria reporting that Lieutenant C.V.Keyes, Indian Staff Corps and West African Frontier Force, has been murdered in Argungu The Acting High Commissioner states that he had received no particulars, but that the Officer Commanding at Illo had gone immediately to investigate the matter.

2. A similar letter is being addressed to the War Office, and I am to request that the relatives of Lieutenant Keyes may be informed of his death.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

R. L. Antrobus

The Under Secretary of State,
INDIA OFFICE.

Mr Robinson to note telegram

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M. 7152/

Noted W.R.
10/8/00.

It is requested that in any further communication on this subject the under-mentioned letter and number may be quoted, and the reply addressed to—
The Under Secretary of State for India,
India Office,
Whitehall,
S.W.

Draft.

India Office,
Whitehall,
London, S.W.

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3 AUG. 1900

Sir, With reference to your letter of the 3rd July last, No. 19

I am directed to forward herewith, for the information of

Mr Secretary Chamberlain

copy of a telegram, dated 28th July 1900, which

has been received from the Viceroy of India, and also copy of the reply, dated 1st August, on the subject of the seconding of Lieut. C. V. Keyes.

(Sd) E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

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The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office.

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Under Secretary		
Secretary of State		
Council		

Lieut. C. V. Keyes I. S. C.

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Seconding for employment with West African Force.

Approved Council, 190 . Mil. Sec. Mr.
Letter to No. M. dated 190 .
Despatch to No. " 190 .
Telegram to Viceroy No. 326 " 1 Augt 1900.

Send O.T. 1.8

Sent (7 words) Fatt 1/8/00

Noted for recovery EGT

It is proposed to send the following telegram to the Viceroy at the cost of the Colonial Office:–

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"Your military telegram dated

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"28th July. Keyes may be seconded"

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(Form 15.)

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W. Smith

COPY OF TELEGRAM

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FROM

Viceroy

DATED Simla. 28 July 1900

RECEIVED AT LONDON OFFICE 6-21 p.m.

My military telegram of 1st June last. Keyes, West African Force, may he be seconded?

Mr Ferard

Is this right? Apparently it ought to be "may he be seconded?", or something to that effect.

F.W.S.

Yes
JA

Yes

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EXTRACT

MILITARY DESPATCH TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

No. 89 para. 20

Dated 19 July 1900

M 6112.

20. Lieutenant C. V. Keyes, I.S.C., has been placed at the disposal of the Colonial Office for employment with the West African Frontier Force. A copy of correspondence§ on the subject is enclosed for your information.

[*With reference to your Military Telegram dated* 1st *June* 1900.]

§ From Colonial Office, dated 15th May 1900.
To ditto, dated 5th June 1900, M 5171.
From ditto, dated 20th June 1900.
To Lieutenant Keyes, dated 22nd June 1900, M 5712.
From Colonial Office, dated 3rd July 1900.

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Communications on this subject
should be addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
London, S.W.,
and the following
Number quoted. 19849/1900.

Mr Smith: Any action on this please? If not I will send a copy to Mr Rob: India with the rest of the correspondence. W.R.

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Downing Street,
3 July, 1900.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter M.5712 of the 22nd ultimo relating to Lieutenant C.V.Keyes and to inform you in reply that Lieutenant Keyes, who was due to leave England on the 27th ultimo, will be employed in Northern Nigeria for one year from the date of his arrival there and will be entitled at the end of that year to six months leave on pay from West African Frontier Force funds. This arrangement does not contemplate the possibility of Lieutenant Keyes being invalided before the completion of his year's service, but, if he were, he would be entitled to not more than five months' leave with pay from West African Frontier Force funds from the date of leaving Northern Nigeria, the actual amount of such leave being determined by the Secretary of State after consideration of the circumstances of the case.

2. The question of the further employment of Lieutenant Keyes beyond a complete tour of service and a full period of leave would, if necessary, be a matter for further arrangement between the India Office and the Colonial Office.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. L. Antrobus.

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The Under Secretary of State,
India Office.

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Mr Smith,

Shall I send
a para?

W. R.

Yes, if you please

F. W. S.

FORM 38.

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Sent ____________________ 189__ .

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Addressed to Lieut. C. V. Keyes
c/o Messrs. H.S. King & Co.,
45 Pall Mall.
S.W.

INDIA OFFICE,

22 JUN. 1900

Reminder in *weeks*

Noted for

With reference to a communication which has been received from the Colonial Office I am directed to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ inform you that leave pay will be ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ issued to you from this Office up to and including the 26th June, the date preceding that of your departure for Nigeria.

During your employment under the Colonial Office you will be required to contribute to the Indian Exchequer towards your leave and pension allowances

AUDITOR TO NOTE
Noted 26.7.00

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F.W.J. 21/6/00

allowances in accordance with article 1415 Indian Army Regulations Vol. I Part I.

Regarding the amount of contribution you should address the Comptroller of Indian Treasuries at Calcutta, to whom ~~you must pay the amount~~, payment must be made by yourself direct.

(Sd) E. STEDMAN.
~~Major~~ General,
Military Secretary.

Return to Mr. *Copy for*

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
Colonial Office

INDIA OFFICE,

22 JUN. 1900

Reminder in *weeks*

Noted for

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th June, No. 18773/1900,

and to ~~acquaint you in reply that~~ enquire for what period Lieut. C. V. Keyes will be employed with the West African Frontier Force.

(SD) E. STEDMAN,
Major General,
Military Secretary.

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
London, S.W.,
and the following
Number quoted. 18773/1900.

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Downing Street,
20 June 1900.

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to acknowledge the receipt of your letter M5171 of the 5th of June, and to acquaint you for the information of Lord George Hamilton that Lieutenant C. V. Keyes, Indian Staff Corps, has been selected for employment in the West African Frontier Force, and that his pay from West African Frontier Force funds will commence on the 27th instant, the date of his departure for Northern Nigeria.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,

R. L. Antrobus.

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
INDIA OFFICE.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
Colonial Office

INDIA OFFICE,

19 JUN. 1900

Reminder in weeks

Noted for

With reference to my letter of the 5th Jun., M5171,

I am directed to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ enquire whether Lieut. C. V. Keyes ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ has been accepted for service in West Africa, and, if so, when he will leave this country.

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(Sd.) E. STEDMAN,
Major General,
Military Secretary

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Noted W.R. 8/6/00

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
Colonial Office

Reminder in *weeks*

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INDIA OFFICE,

5 JUN. 1900

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th May, No. 14203/1900, and to acquaint you in reply that Lord George Hamilton has no objection to the employment of Lieut. C. V. Keyes, Indian Staff Corps, with the West African Frontier Force on the usual condition as to contribution to the Indian exchequer towards leave and pension allowances.

(Sd) E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

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COPY OF TELEGRAM

Mr. Robinson

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FROM

Viceroy

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DATED 1 June '00.

RECEIVED AT LONDON OFFICE 3.0 p.m.

Your mily. telegram, 17 May. Keyes, Corps of Guides. No objection to proposed appointment.

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Minute Paper. **Military Department.**

Letter No. Received 16 May 1900.

Formally acknowledged

	Date.	Initials.	
Under Secretary.........	16.5.00	EL	Lieut C. V. Keyes : proposed appointment to West African Frontier Force Draft telegram
Secretary of State.......			
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Council			

Approved Council, 190 . Mil. Sec. Mr.
Letter to No. M. dated 190 .
Despatch to No. „ 190 .
Telegram to Viceroy No. 164 „ 17 May 1900.

With reference to the annexed correspondence, it is proposed to telegraph as follows : recoverable.

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From S. of S to Viceroy

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Have you any objection

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Communications on this subject should be addressed to—

The Under Secretary of State,
Colonial Office,
London, S.W.,

and the following Number quoted. 14203/1900

Downing Street

15 May 1900

Sir,

I am directed by Mr. Secretary Chamberlain to acquaint you for the information of the Secretary of State for India, that Lieutenant C.V. Keyes, Indian Staff Corps, has applied for an appointment in the West African Frontier Force, and to state that Mr. Chamberlain would be glad to know whether Lord George Hamilton would recommend Lieutenant Keyes for such an appointment and if so whether he can be employed with the West African Frontier Force.

A similar letter has been addressed to the War Office.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

R. L. Antrobus

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
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Any further communication on this subject should be addressed to—
The Under Secretary of State,
War Office,
London, S.W.,
and the following number quoted.

War Office,
London, S.W.

30th January, 1900.

7860/K/343

Sir,

I am directed by the Secretary of State for War to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, and, in reply, to acquaint you that a note has been made of the wish of Lieutenant C.V.Keyes, Indian Staff Corps for employment with the Niger Coast or Central Africa Protectorate Forces for consideratio with those of others in the event of opportunity offering.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

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The Under Secretary of State,
India Office.

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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to the Under Sec. of State
War Office

INDIA OFFICE,

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Reminder in weeks

Noted for

D 21st Jan. 1900.

I am directed to ~~acknowledge the receipt of your letter of~~ forward herewith copy of a letter ~~and to acquaint you in reply that~~ from Lieut. C. V. Keyes, Indian Staff Corps, in which he applies for employment with the Niger Coast or Central African Protectorate Forces.

(Sd) E. STEDMAN,
Major General,
Military Secretary.

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F.W.J.
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DRAFT LETTER PAPER.

Addressed to Lieut. C. V. Keyes
4 Westbourne Gardens
Folkestone

INDIA OFFICE,

Reminder in weeks

Noted for

23 JAN. 1900

I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st Jan.

and to acquaint you in reply that your wish for employment with the Niger Coast or British Central African Protectorate Forces has been forwarded to the War Office.

You could not however be allowed to accept such employment without the consent of the Govt. of India.

(Sd) E. STEDMAN.
Major General,
Military Secretary.

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From. Lieut. C. A. Keyes
Q.O. Corps of Guides

To. The Military Secretary
India Office.

4. Westbourne Gardens
Folkestone.
21st Jany. 1900.

Sir.

I have the honour to request that I may be granted permission to apply for employment with the Niger Coast or British Central African Protectorate Forces -
I understand that, owing to the accident which necessitated my applying for a years leave on medical certificate, I shall not be appointed to a permanent vacancy in the Guides Cavalry, as an Officer junior to myself has been already appointed from another regiment - I am

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therefore anxious to obtain employment elsewhere before the expiration of my leave in July next.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obedient servant
Charles V. Keyes. Lieut.
Q.O. Corps of Guides

21. 1. 1900.

Collection 386 British West Africa, Nigeria, etc. IOR/L/MIL/7/15794. 1897-1920. MS Selected India Office Records on Colonial Africa: Selected India Office Records on Colonial Africa. British Library. Nineteenth Century Collections Online, link.gale.com/apps/doc/AOVIIN419978625/NCCO?u=webdemo&sid=bookmark-NCCO&xid=6327b1e9&pg=1. Accessed 29 Apr. 2022.